

## **PINAL COUNTY CORRIDORS DEFINITION STUDY**

Contract T0449-0001

ADOT Purchase Order No. PGKG 2465

### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 1**

#### **Meeting Summary**

The first meeting of the Pinal County Corridors Definition Study Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held on September 29, 2004 at the ADOT Transportation Planning Division 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room. Attached to this summary is the list of TAC members and other agency representatives who attended the meeting.

#### **1. WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dianne Kresich, the ADOT Project Manager for the Pinal County Corridors Definition Study, opened the meeting with self-introductions, a discussion of the events leading to the initiation of the study, and a discussion of the consultant selection process.

Dianne summarized the principal purpose of the study as performing transportation planning analyses of the Apache Junction to Coolidge Corridor and the East Valley Corridor in terms of corridor need, feasibility, and jurisdictional control. The findings and recommendations of the study are intended to serve as input to decisions by the State Transportation Board on designating either or both corridors as State Highways. A presentation on study findings and recommendations is scheduled for the November 2005 Board meeting.

#### **2. COMMITTEE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Dianne Kresich and Dave Perkins presented the roles and responsibilities of the TAC as follows:

- Attend up to six TAC meetings
- Report progress to management and elected officials
- Review and provide timely comments on project documents
- Assist in issue identification and resolution
- Assist in establishing jurisdictional work groups
- Be an active participant

Timely review of study documents and submittal of comments were stressed. Because of the strict time schedule for the study, exceptions to review and comments periods requests will not be considered.

#### **3. WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE**

Dave Perkins provided an overview of the work plan and schedule for the study. Major work activities include the following:

- Confirm need for corridors
- Develop corridor definition alternatives
- Determine existing/future conditions
- Regional transportation planning principals
- Obtain jurisdiction and community inputs
- Evaluate and Screen alternatives, using the following major criteria:
  - Performance
  - Impact
  - Implementation
  - Jurisdiction and community inputs
- Document feasible alternative corridor definitions, including the outcomes of the following analyses:
  - Performance
  - Implementation
  - Jurisdictional control
  - Corridor development costs
  - Funding options
- Present findings to the Board (November 2005)

TAC members were given until October 1 to provide comments on the work plan. As no comments were received, the plan was approved on that date.

#### **4. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

Dave Perkins and Carol Oaks provided an overview of the proposed public involvement plan, which included the following major elements:

- Proposed Public Open Houses locations (January and June 2005)
  - Apache Junction
  - Coolidge / Casa Grande / Eloy
  - Queen Creek / Sun Lakes
  - Gila River Indian Community
- Initial list of Newspaper Advertisement locations
  - Tribune (East Valley)
  - Casa Grande Dispatch
  - Coolidge Examiner
  - Sun Lakes/Chandler Independent
  - Florence Reminder
- Public input will be captured using comment forms and from interviews with key stakeholders during the working group meetings
- Jurisdictional Working Groups will be established to determine:
  - Corridor alignment opportunities and constraints
  - Compatibility with jurisdiction plans
  - Political and public support
- A Public Involvement Report will be prepared summarizing the findings of the public involvement process

TAC members were given until October 1 to provide comments on the public involvement plan. As no comments were received, the plan was approved on that date.

## **5. TAC Comments on Work Plan, Corridor Issues, and Study Expectations**

The following comments were recorded during the course of the TAC meeting:

- Numerous outcomes are possible at the November 2005 meeting of the State Transportation Board including the designation on neither, either, or both corridors as State Highways.
- As part of the screening of alternatives, environmental considerations will be evaluated.
- The “specificity” of corridors will vary. Some segments of a corridor that are along existing roadways maybe very specific while segments in undeveloped areas maybe described in terms of a corridor that is a half mile or wider in width.
- Jurisdictional control and funding are important issues.
- The MAG RTP includes a transit element that the study needs to take into consideration.
- The MAG RTP includes \$5 million for a rail study between Tucson and Phoenix.
- All reports to be reviewed by the TAC should be transmitted to the TAC as a word document to allow TAC members to provide their comments directly in the document.
- Gila River Indian Community has a website and newspaper that can be used for notification of public open houses.
- Apache Junction has 2 weekly publications that can be used for notification of public open houses.
- If a project website is provided, it should allow for people to add themselves to the mailing list.
- Water bills can be used for notification.
- Jurisdictional working group meetings are important to answering State Transportation Board questions regarding whether key decision makers and political input has been included during the study process.
- The study needs to recognize the potential for rail in study corridors.
- Task 2B needs to include a review of transit investments in the RTP.
- As a result of planned and existing subdivision, the Apache SATS relocated a segment of the corridor away from the Meridian Road to Idaho Road.
- Kimley-Horn staff will contact TAC members to schedule working group meetings. It will be the responsibility of TAC members to invite working group participants, determine the format of the meeting, and host the meeting.
- The Gila Indian Community is very interested in alignments that will promote commercial development.
- This study is the number one issue among the 2 or 3 major developers in Coolidge.

- Attaway (Road) Bridge provides important regional accessibility – Coolidge would prefer that a new bridge be constructed on another alignment rather than reconstruction of the Attaway Bridge.
- There are a lot of transportation infrastructure issues in Coolidge.
- About 31,000 dwelling units are currently planned in the Coolidge area.
- Florence and Coolidge are working to better define their borders.
- Financing and funding is a major concern.
- Pinal County is concerned about drainage between Florence and Apache Junction.
- The creation of a Toll Road could help resolve funding.
- The provision of rural transit resources needs to be considered during the course of the study.
- The ADOT I-10 widening study team should be coordinated with for identification of possible interchange locations with the East Valley Corridor. ADOT suggested that a coordination meeting with the I-10 widening consultant be performed.
- Need to know specific location of corridor's I-10 connection.
- It would be helpful to have a presentation map that could be used to help present potential corridor locations to interested parties.
- Casa Grande would prefer a connection to I-8/I-10 system interchange.
- Chandler is concerned about corridor impacts to existing development.
- Significant right-of-way issues exist in Chandler.
- The Maricopa Flood District should be included on the TAC.
- MCDOT operates several drainage structures in Pinal County that will be of particular concern to this study.
- This study will impact State Trust Land.
- Several drainage studies are ongoing that could provide important input into this study.
- Preliminary assessments of 404 issues are a concern – there are a lot of natural washes along the corridors.
- NEPA reports and other documents will provide more detailed scrutiny than is possible during the course of this study.
- This study will include recommendations, as appropriate, for future studies.
- The funding of future studies for recommended corridors needs to be addressed.

## **6. CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Dianne Kresich reminded the TAC that the outcome of this study is not predetermined and that the study will not be bound by previous recommendations related to the corridors. She also indicated that she preferred that correspondence be made to project team members using email so she can be kept apprised of ongoing issues and efforts.



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### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**

**Date:** September 29, 2004  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** ADOT TPD Conference Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
206 S. 17th Avenue, Mail Drop 310B  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Introductions (Dianne Kresich)
2. Committee Role and Responsibility (Dianne Kresich)
3. Work Plan and Schedule (Dave Perkins)
4. Public Involvement Plan (Dave Perkins and Carol Oaks)
5. TAC Comments on Work Plan, Corridor Issues, and Study Expectations (All)
6. Adjournment

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**Pinal County Corridors Definition Study**  
**TAC Meeting Attendance**  
**9/29/2004, Meeting No. 1**

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